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Applicant : Masayuki YABUTA et al.
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PRODUCTS IN THE PRODUCTION OF RECOMBINANT
POLYPEPTIDES
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION OF JANUARY 13, 2006

Sir:

The following amendments and remarks are submitted pursuant to, and concurrently with, a request for continued examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114, and are responsive to the Final Office Action dated January 13, 2006 (hereinafter the "Office Action"), in the above-captioned application. The fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) for a request for continued examination is submitted herewith.

A petition for a three-month extension of and a notice of appeal were previously filed on July 13, 2006, thereby extending the period within which to submit an appeal brief up to and including September 13, 2006. Accordingly, this response and the accompanying RCE are being timely filed.

No additional fees are believed due with this response. However, in the event of any variance between the amount enclosed and the fees determined by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, please charge or credit any such variance to the undersigned's Deposit Account No. 50-0206.

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

Responsive to the Office Action, please amend the application as set forth below.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begin on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.